## SHAPING THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS BILL

As a member of the California State Legislature, I am not directly involved in any discussions regarding the federal bail out. But, I am communicating and working with our local Congressional delegation on how an economic stimulus package should be structured to help our state and Assembly District 24.

I believe that the federal bail-out plan must address several key issues, including the underlying causes of the economic crisis. It would be ill-advised to think that our nation can solve this long-term financial crisis by simply assuming bad debt. Any bail-out scenario should stress the importance of a trickle-up theory of economics, where relief must be given to the average homeowner rather than the large corporation.

Right now, hard-working families are struggling to stay afloat. The current economy has made paying monthly bills and the mortgage an overwhelming and anxiety-ridden task. For those reasons, my top priority is rebuilding the state economy.

At the state level, I've been working hard to develop sound strategies to address the foreclosure crisis and build infrastructure. Capitol projects have been increased through the use of existing bonds in order to further stimulate job growth for Californians. It is also imperative that the needs of our most vulnerable not be ignored as we work together on the creation of a sound economic strategy. I believe that helping those in need to become contributing members of society benefits us all in the end. I have dedicated my public career to these issues.

The safety and security of my constituents' jobs and their homes are of the utmost importance to me. I will continue to work hard to ensure that Californians, and not just Wall Street, get their fair share of federal economic stimulus package dollars.

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